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HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the Human Development Report, 2000 of the UNDP,India figures at 128th place among the 174 nations of the world as per Human Development Index (HDI) and at 108th place as per Gender Development Index (GDI);

(b) if so, the parameters used for gauging the Human Development Index and Gender Development Index position;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to prepare its own Human Development Report, as recommended by a Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the delay; and

(e) whether States like Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and Rajasthan have already come up with their State development reports?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a): Yes, Sir

(b): The parameters used for measuring the Human Development Index arelife expectancy at birth, adult literacy rate, combined enrolment ratio for primary, secondary and tertiary levels of education and adjusted per capita income in purchasing power parity US dollars. The parameters used for Gender Development Index are the same as the Human Development Index, but takingaccount of inequality in achievement between men and women.

(c): Yes, Sir. As recommended by the Parliamentary Standing Committee onFinance of the Ministry of Planning, it has been decided that Planning Commission would undertake the preparation of the National Human Development Report for India within the fiscal year 2000-2001.

(d): Planning Commission has constituted a Steering Committee underSecretary, Planning Commission, with the concerned Social Sector Advisers as Members to oversee the exercise and monitor the progress of preparation of the National Human Development Report. However, the actual task of preparation of the Report has been entrusted to a Project Team comprising of selected officers of Planning Commission. So far, the progress in preparation of the Report is as per schedule.

(e): Yes, Sir. The State Government of Madhya Pradesh has prepared twoState Human Development Reports.The first Report was produced in 1995, the second Report was produced in 1998. The State Government of Karnataka hasalso prepared its first Human Development Report. The State Government of Rajasthan has also produced a Draft Human Development Report.